

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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UTILISATION OF RIVERS WATER
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether approval of neighbouring countries is required for construction of projects for utilization of water of the rivers originating in Himalayas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the names of rivers for which contact has been established with countries, country-wise; and
- (d) the number of projects under consideration between the Government of India and the neighbouring countries, country-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) No approval is sought from neighbouring countries for the construction of projects within the country and on rivers originating in Himalayas.

(b) Does not arise. However, where such projects have to be sited on international boundaries or in the upper riparian country, the discussions with such countries are held.

(c)&(d) Contact has been established with HMG/Nepal for construction of projects on following rivers:

1. Mahakali / Sharda - Pancheshwar Multipurpose Project
2. Karnali / Ghaghra - Karnali Multipurpose Project
3. Rapti - Bhalubang Multipurpose Project
4. Bagmati - Bagmati Multipurpose Project
5. Kamala - Kamala Multipurpose Project
6. Kosi - Sapta Kosi High Dam and Sun Kosi Storage Cum Diversion Scheme

As regards Pancheswar Multipurpose Project, survey and field investigations for the preparation of Joint Detailed Project Report (DPR) has been completed. Discussions are continuing for finalisation of the Joint DPR of the project.

As regards Sapta-Kosi High Dam Multipurpose Project and Sun-Kosi Storage cum Diversion Scheme, a Joint Project Office (JPO) of India and Nepal has been setup in Nepal in August, 2004 for undertaking field investigations and preparation of Detailed Project Report of the Project. In the India - Nepal Secretary level meeting held in October, 2004, Nepal has agreed for undertaking the feasibility study on Kamla and preliminary study of Bagmati Multipurpose Project, by the JPO of Sapta-Kosi - Sun-Kosi Project to ascertain likely constraints in implementation of these projects so that the same could be appropriately addressed.

Further, Government of India and Govt. of Pakistan have also entered into a Treaty known as the "The Indus Water Treaty, 1960", according to which waters of the Eastern rivers (The Sutlej, The Beas and The Ravi) shall be available for the unrestricted use of India, except for certain provisions laid down in the Treaty. Further as per the Treaty, Pakistan shall receive all the waters of the Western rivers (The Indus, The Jhelum and The Chenab) which India is under obligation to let flow under the provisions laid down in the Treaty. India is also permitted to undertake projects on Western Rivers as per the provisions of the Treaty and is required to communicate to Pakistan the information of the projects as specified. Pakistan may communicate any objection that it may have and seek to get them resolved as specified in the Treaty. Three projects viz. Baglihar Hydroelectric Project, Kishenganga Hydroelectric Project and Tulbal

Navigation Project are currently under active consideration between the two sides.

In addition, there is a Treaty between Governments of India and Bangladesh on sharing of Ganga waters at Farakka signed in 1996. The release of waters to Bangladesh is being done as per the provisions of the Treaty.